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Applicant(s): Lasken et al

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**Request for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicants request that the time for responding to the Office Action, dated 18 February 2004 be extended from 18 May 2004 to 18 June 2004, for a total of one month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) (fee of \$55.00 for a small entity paid herein by check). Applicants request that the Commissioner charge any additional fee set in 37 CFR 1.17 for this extension of time, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Acct. No. 03-0678.

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